



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 2, 2001

H.R. 428

A bill concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations on
March 28, 2001*

H.R. 428 would require the Secretary of State to initiate a plan to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Assembly to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in May 2001. The bill would require the Secretary to submit a written report on the issue within 14 days of enactment. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 428 would result in no significant additional costs to the federal government because neither the plan nor the report would add significantly to the State Department's workload. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 428 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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